AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): A ready-for-use low-carbon steel mechanical component with elevated characteristics obtained by cold plastic transformation of a laminated long steel product, wherein the composition of said steel, percentages by weight, based on the iron is:

 $0.10 < C \le < 0.15\%$

 $0.04\% \le Nb \le 0.10\%$

 $0.001\% \le B \le 0.005\%$

 $0.15\% \le Mo \le 0.35\%$

 $1.3\% \le Mn \le 2.0\%$

 $0.15\% \le Si \le 1.30\%$

 $0.01 \% \le Al \le 0.08 \%$

 $N \le 0.015\%$ with Ti $\ge 3.5 \times \%$ N;

the remaining being iron and unavoidable residual impurities that result from the steel process,

wherein said long product being obtained from a semi-finished product from continuous casting and hot-rolled in the austenitic range into a wire or rod, then treated thermally by cooling directly during its hot rolling at a cooling rate sufficient to provide it with a bainitic or essentially bainitic structure, and